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SUBJECT: COM CONCURS WITH SECTION 1206 FY 08 TRANCHE FOUR
PROPOSAL

Classified By: CDA MICHELE J. SISON; REASON: SECTION 1.4(B)

¶11. (S) CHIEF OF MISSION FULLY SUPPORTS THE FY 08 SECTION 1206 (TRANCHE FOUR,4) PROPOSALS AS SUBMITTED BY USCENTCOM. THIS PROPOSAL ADDRESSES THE LEBANESE ARMED FORCES' (LAF'S) CAPABILITY TO CONDUCT MILITARY OPERATIONS IN URBAN TERRAIN (MOUT). IT REINFORCES THE MISSION'S STRATEGIC GOALS OF COUNTERTERRORISM COOPERATION AND MILITARY-TO-MILITARY ENGAGEMENT WITH LEBANON.

¶12. (S) THE URBAN SOLDIERS' EQUIPMENT PACKAGE (USEP) COMPONENT WILL PROVIDE MATERIAL SUPPORT FOR LEBANON'S EFFORTS TO COUNTER TERRORIST RESOURCES AND PERSONNEL IN URBAN AREAS WHERE U.S. AND OTHER INTELLIGENCE INDICATE THE THREAT RESIDES. THE URBAN SOLDERS' EQUIPMENT PACKAGE (USEP) COMPONENT ENHANCES A GROWING LEBANESE CAPACITY THAT WAS PROVEN SO CRUCIAL IN THE MAY-SEPTEMBER 2007 COUNTERTERRORISM OPERATIONS IN THE NAHR AL-BAHRID CAMP.
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